



Hi Confirmation Families –

My name is Ellen Dugas and I am so happy to be joining the St. Mary’s team to help your children prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I have been a CCD teacher for the past four years for grades two and six and look forward to working with the Confirmation students. Unfortunately, we are still dealing with the fallout of COVID-19 so all classes will be held virtually via Zoom. We want to keep your children and families safe. If there are any changes in the spring, we will let you know if in person classes will be possible.

There are **eight (8)** classes that the students need to attend from November 2020 to May 2021. It is a once a month session (two times in November since we are starting later this year) for only an hour and a half each time. Grade 9: 3pm-4:30pm and Grade 10: 5:30pm-7pm (please see the dates and times below). There will be a ten-minute break during the class so that students can get up and move around, grab a snack or take a bathroom break.

Please note that since we only have a limited number of sessions attendance is important. If your child misses any more than **two (2)** classes, we will need for your child to retake the class next year. Also if a student misses a class, I will have a make-up assignment for the student to complete.

I am planning a Confirmation Retreat and Service Project, tentative dates and times below. I am hoping these can be in person events. I will keep you posted, but please hold the dates for now.

At this time, the 5pm mass on Sunday has been put on hold due to COVID-19. If the mass does comeback, we will let you know. However there are still masses on Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 8am, 10am and 12pm please visit the St. Mary’s Website (stmarydanvers.org) to book a seat.

For those students in the 10th Grade, the **Confirmation Ceremony is set for Sunday, May 23rd at 4pm at St. Mary’s Church.**

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am currently using my personal email address but am working on getting an email address that will be specific for Confirmation, so nothing gets lost in my personal emails. I look forward to great year!

All the best –

Ellen

Date	9th Grade	10th Grade
Sunday, Nov 1 st	3:00pm-4:30pm	5:30pm-7pm
Sunday, Nov 22 nd	3:00pm-4:30pm	5:30pm-7pm
Sunday, Dec 13 th	3:00pm-4:30pm	5:30pm-7pm
Sunday, Jan 10 th	3:00pm-4:30pm	5:30pm-7pm
Sunday, Feb 7 th	3:00pm-4:30pm	5:30pm-7pm
Sunday, Mar 7 th	3:00pm-4:30pm	5:30pm-7pm
Sunday, Apr 11 th	3:00pm-4:30pm	5:30pm-7pm
Sunday, May 2 nd	3:00pm-4:30pm	5:30pm-7pm

**Confirmation Retreat
(Grade 10th Only)**

Date (Tentative): Sunday, March 21st

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Location: TBD

**Confirmation Service Project
(Both 9th & 10th Grade)**

Date: (Tentative): Saturday, May 14th

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: TBD

Confirmation Ceremony (10th Grade Only)

Date: Sunday, May 23rd

Time: 4:00pm

Location: St. Mary’s Church Danvers